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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 JORGE ANTONIO CORTEZ-MEZA,  
 aka JORGE ANTONIO CORTES-MEZA,  
 aka JORGE ANTONIO CORTEZ-MESA,

13 Defendant.

14 Case No. 2:20-mj- 461-DJA

15 ORDER . to Extend  
 16 Deadlines to Conduct  
 17 Preliminary Hearing and  
 18 File Indictment (First Request)

19 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Nicholas A.  
 20 Trutanich, United States Attorney, and Jared L. Grimmer, Assistant United States  
 21 Attorney, counsel for the United States of America, and Sylvia Irvin,  
 22 Assistant Federal Public Defender, counsel for Defendant Jorge Antonio Cortez-Meza,  
 23 that the Court schedule the preliminary hearing in this case for no earlier than 90 days from  
 24 the date of the filing of this stipulation. This request requires that the Court extend two  
 deadlines: (1) that a preliminary hearing be conducted within 14 days of a detained  
 defendant's initial appearance, *see* Fed. R. Crim. P. 5.1(c); and (2) that an information or  
 indictment be filed within 30 days of a defendant's arrest, *see* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b).

This stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:

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1       1. The United States Attorney's Office has developed an early disposition  
2 program for immigration cases, authorized by the Attorney General pursuant to the  
3 PROTECT ACT of 2003, Pub. L. 108-21.

4       2. The early disposition program for immigration cases is designed to: (1)  
5 reduce the number of hearings required in order to dispose of a criminal case; (2) avoid  
6 having more cases added to the court's trial calendar, while still discharging the  
7 government's duty to prosecute federal crimes; (3) reduce the amount of time between  
8 complaint and sentencing; and (4) avoid adding significant time to the grand jury calendar  
9 to seek indictments in immigration cases, which in turn reduces court costs.

10      3. The government has made a plea offer in this case that requires defendant to  
11 waive specific rights and hearings in exchange for "fast-track" downward departure under  
12 USSG § 5K3.1. This offer will be withdrawn if it is not timely accepted before this matter is  
13 indicted and before a preliminary hearing is held.

14      4. Under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1(c), the Court "must hold the  
15 preliminary hearing within a reasonable time, but no later than 14 days after the initial  
16 appearance if the defendant is in custody . . . ."

17      5. However, under Rule 5.1(d), "[w]ith the defendant's consent and upon a  
18 showing of good cause—taking into account the public interest in the prompt disposition of  
19 criminal cases—a magistrate judge may extend the time limits in Rule 5.1(c) one or more  
20 times . . . ."

21      6. Furthermore, under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), "[a]ny  
22 information or indictment charging an individual with the commission of an offense shall  
23 be filed within thirty days from the date on which such individual was arrested or served  
24 with a summons in connection with such charges."

1       7.     Defendant needs additional time to review the discovery and investigate  
2 potential defenses to make an informed decision as to how to proceed, including whether  
3 to accept the fast-track plea agreement.

4       8.     Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the Court schedule the  
5 preliminary hearing in this case no sooner than 90 days from today's date.

6       9.     Defendant is in custody and agrees to the extension of the 14-day deadline  
7 imposed by Rule 5.1(c) and waives any right to remedies under Rule 5.1(c) or 18 U.S.C.  
8 § 3161(b), provided that the information or indictment is filed on or before the date ordered  
9 pursuant to this stipulation .

10      10.    The parties agree to the extension of that deadline.

11      11.    This extension supports the public interest in the prompt disposition of  
12 criminal cases by permitting defendant to consider entering into a plea agreement under the  
13 United States Attorney's Office's fast-track program for § 1326 defendants.

14      12.    Accordingly, the additional time requested by this stipulation is allowed  
15 under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1(d).

16      13.    In addition, the parties stipulate and agree that the time between today and  
17 the scheduled preliminary hearing is excludable in computing the time within which the  
18 defendant must be indicted and the trial herein must commence pursuant to the Speedy  
19 Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and (h)(7)(A), considering the factors under 18 U.S.C.  
20 § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i) and (iv).

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1           14. This is the first request for an extension of the deadlines by which to conduct  
2 the preliminary hearing and to file an indictment.

DATED this 8th day of June, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

**NICHOLAS A. TRUTANICH**  
**United States Attorney**

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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5 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 2:20-mj-461-BNW

6 Plaintiff,

7 v.

8 JORGE ANTONIO CORTEZ-MEZA,  
aka JORGE ANTONIO CORTES-MEZA,  
9 aka JORGE ANTONIO CORTEZ-MESA,

**[Proposed] Order on  
Stipulation to Extend Deadlines  
to Conduct Preliminary  
Hearing and  
File Indictment**

10 Defendant.

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12 Based on the stipulation of counsel, good cause appearing, and the best interest of  
13 justice being served; the time requested by this stipulation being excludable in computing  
14 the time within which the defendant must be indicted and the trial herein must commence  
15 pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and (h)(7)(A), and Federal Rule of  
16 Criminal Procedure 5.1, considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i) and (iv):

17 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the preliminary hearing currently scheduled  
18 on June 22, 2020 at the hour of 4:00 p.m., be vacated and continued to September 11, 2020,  
19 the hour of 4:00 p.m. in Courtroom 3A

20 DATED this <sup>11th</sup> day of June, 2020.



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22 DANIEL J. ALBREGTS  
23 U.S. Magistrate Judge  
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